

CLAIMS

1. A protective agent for printed matters printed with water-based ink comprising:
at least 50% low-boiling hydrocarbon solvent based on all solvents and an oleophilic resin soluble therein.
2. The protective agent for printed matters printed with water-based ink according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the low-boiling hydrocarbon solvent to the oleophilic resin is from 97/3 to 40/60 by weight.
3. The protective agent for printed matters printed with water-based ink according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the low-boiling hydrocarbon solvent has a boiling point of 50 to 110°C.
4. The protective agent for printed matters printed with water-based ink according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the low-boiling hydrocarbon solvent is at least one kind of solvent selected from the group consisting of n-pentane, i-pentane, cyclopentane, n-hexane, i-hexane, cyclohexane, methylcyclohexane, n-heptane, i-heptane, n-octane, i-octane and hexamethylsiloxane.
5. The protective agent for printed matters printed with water-based ink according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the oleophilic resin is at least one kind of resin selected from the group consisting of acrylic ester copolymer resins, silicone-acrylic

resins, methyl phenyl silicone resins, 1,2-polybutadiene elastomers, polyisobutylene rubbers, aromatic petroleum resins, alicyclic petroleum resins and polystyrene resins.

6. A protective aerosol agent for printed matters printed with water-based ink comprising: 20 to 80 parts by weight of the protective agent for printed matters printed with water-based ink as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 5 and 80 to 20 parts by weight of a propellant.